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Re-Organization of Infantry Division Kietz

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In August 1953, preparations for a re-organization of Infantry Division Kietz into a Sonderkommando were under way. This Kommando was scheduled to be employed in Berlin. It was being organized in Rathenow and consisted of a supply section, a hospital, an S-1 company (reconnaissance), an S-2 company (signal), a motor transport company, 1st through 3d infantry battalion and an artillery battalion comprising a headquarters platoon, a technical platoon, a company equipped with AA machine guns, and three batteries equipped with 45-mm AT guns. The artillery battalion consisted of about 20 officers and 180 NCOs and EM. All the personnel of this Sonderkommando came from the former Infantry Division Kietz which ceased to exist and had previously been withdrawn from TV No 5000. The officers of this Sonderkommando were thoroughly screened. More than 80 percent of the officers of Infantry Division Kietz were transferred to other units. Prior to 22 August, only some of the officers scheduled to be transferred to the Sonderkommando had arrived. The Sonderkommando will be stationed at Ludwigsfelde near Berlin; pending the completion of construction work in Ludwigsfelde, the Sonderkommando will temporarily move to Gotha. This transfer was to be effected in late August 1953.

25X1A Comment. Preparations for a transfer of Bereitschaft Kietz to Ludwigsfelde was previously reported by several sources. 25X1A

The original plans apparently were to attach this unit to the newly formed KVP Bereitschaft Berlin. The advance detail sent to Ludwigsfelde left this town again on 22 August. 25X1A

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25X1 moved from Kietz to Gotha in late August. It therefore appears probable that the unit is no longer subordinate to TV No 5000 in Schwerin. Gotha is in the area covered by TV No 6000 in Leipzig. 25X1